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SUMMARY: IRAN SPOKE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. GDR GAVE STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION AND CANADA TABLED WORKING PAPER ON SAME SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

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1. FARTASH (IRAN) GAVE THOUGHTFUL AND WELL-DOCUMENTED ASSESSMENT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS QUESTION. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER BINARY CW WEAPONS AND OVER POSSIBILITY THAT CW MAY COME TO BE CONSIDERED CONVENTIONAL WEAPON. HE ANALYZED STEPS TAKEN SO FAR IN CCD, REFERRING TO SEVERAL AREAS OF APPARENT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING CONCEPT OF PHASED APPROACH WITH COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE BAN, AND AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY SCOPE AND VERIFICATION. FARTASH CALLED JAPANESE DRAFT CONVENTION "AN EXTREMELY VALID APPROACH" AND CITED FAVORABLY FRG AND SWEDISH WORKING PAPERS CONCERNING CRITERIA FOR DEFINING AGENTS INVOLVED IN PHASED APPROACH TO COMPREHENSIVE BAN. HE NOTED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS DEPENDS ON VERIFICATION QUESTION, SAYING THIS PROBLEM WAS DIFFERENT IN CW CONTEXT IN THAT BOTH SIDES AGREE CONTROL IS NECESSARY AND COMPLICATED WHILE DISAGREEING ON WHAT BODIES SHOULD EXERCISE CONTROL. IRANIAN VIEW IS THAT SOME FORM OF INTERNATIONAL ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE IS NEEDED. HE CITED US AND SOVIET STATEMENTSBN STEPS TO IMPLEMENT BILATERAL CW INITIATIVE IN CCD AND LOOKED FORWARD TO HEARING MORE.

2. HERDER (GDR), REFERRING IN PASSING TO SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION, ARGUED FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF CONVENTION BANNING "ENVIRONMENTAL WEAPONS." SCIENTIFIC AND FECHNOLOGICAL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BUT SHOULD NOT DELAY CONCLUSION OF CONVENTION. GDR CONSIDERS UNEP PROPER BODY TO DEAL WITH PEACEFUL QUESTIONS OF ENMOD, AND ENMOD CONVENTION CAN BE COMPARED TO NPT AS POTENTIAL BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES.

3. ROWE (CANADA) TABLED WORKING PAPER (CCD/463) WHICH IDENTIFIED CONCEIVABLE WAYS OF INFLUENCING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ASSESSED THEIR MILITARY POTENTIAL AND FEASIBILITY, COUNTERMEASURES, AND PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS.

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